

Disaster Airport Strike Teams--Burbank Airport By Rakdy Khlok, EOB- Disaster Services Unit



To address the unique needs of airport related disaster incidents, the Emergency Outreach Bureau- Disaster Services Unit developed three Airport Response Strike Teams (Alpha I--LAX/Santa Monica; Alpha II-- Burbank/ Whiteman/ Van Nuys; and Alpha III--Long Beach). Members of the team represent various divisions in the Department. Teams are trained to quickly deploy to airport related emergency incidents/ disasters. Members will provide support, assistance and treatment to impacted passengers, airport staff, concessionary staff, contract staff, first responders, etc. Services include psycho-education, psychological first aid, crisis intervention, crisis counseling, linkage, advocacy, and referrals.

In partnership with Burbank Airport, Alpha II Strike Team participated in an exclusive tour of the Bob Hope Burbank Airport on June 3, 2014. The tour provided an opportunity for members to visit potential staging locations, familiarize themselves with the layout of the airport, and meet partner agencies.



In July and August, tours/trainings for the other strike teams will be conducted. These trainings are possible because of team members' commitment to their community and their supervisor's willingness to support the program. Thank you all!